



AQUILA SCOUT TROOP

SPRING LOG

AIM

To make a decorated log on the theme of "SPRING"
Based on a swill roll or similar.

BADGES

This counts towards:

- Great Indoors Badge
- Craft Activity badge
- Creative Challenge

FOOD ITEMS

Swiss roll

100 g marga or butter, softened
50 g cocoa powder
150 g icing sugar
2-3 dessert spoons milk

Decorations (optional – "Decorations" section):

Rollable icing

Food colour (suggest yellow and green)
2 chocolate flakes

NOTES:

Swiss roll: Could use a rectangular block cake

- ...and either could be made instead of bought

Cocoa powder: could be omitted, but

- add extra 50 g icing sugar
- you could add a few drops food colour

OTHER ITEMS

Plate or tray

Medium mixing bowl

rolling pin

spoons

sieve

brush for food colouring

PREPARATION

1. Wash hands
2. Beat butter (or marga) in the bowl until soft and smooth
3. Sieve in half the icing sugar and beat again.
4. Add the remaining icing sugar and all the cocoa
Beat the mixture until creamy and smooth.
5. Beat in a bit of milk (dessert spoon at a time), **if necessary**, to loosen the mixture.
6. Put your log in its final position on plate or tray
7. Use a knife to spread the butter icing thinly all over the surface of the log.
8. You can make the surface look like bark using toothpick or skewer to roughen the surface
9. Add your chosen decorations

NOTES:

We will go through each stage with scouts and they can check with us throughout

DECORATIONS

Using soft icing (rollable):

1. Read the instructions on the packet: you probably have to knead it first to make it softer
2. Roll a small amount to a thin layer
3. Cut out shapes such as petals or leaves
4. Put on plate before Paint with food colouring, making sure the colour cannot stain surfaces or you.
5. You can model small animals, birds using some icing

Alternatively, some ideas

- Collect a few REAL flowers, leaves, twigs
- Cut out paper petals, leaves
- Use (for example) breadstick or similar for twigs, branches

Use your imagination